

## **702 KAR 5:120. Blind and deaf pupils, reimbursement for.**

RELATES TO: KRS 156.031, 157.280

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 156.070, 157.220

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 157.280 requires each local school district to provide for weekly transportation for its resident pupils at the Kentucky Schools for the Blind and Deaf except those whose residence is more than 200 miles one way from either school shall not be required to go home more than twice each month. Transportation shall be provided in a manner approved by the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education. KRS 157.280 also mandates reimbursement of local districts, at the same rate per trip as for resident pupils, but from the Transportation Fund of the Fund to Support Education Excellence in Kentucky, for transportation, as approved by the State Board, which may be provided to and from such schools for day pupils. This administrative regulation establishes the rate of reimbursement for providing home-to-school transportation for such pupils enrolled at the Kentucky School for the Blind and the Kentucky School for the Deaf.

Section 1. (1) The chief state school officer shall determine the number of:

(a) Pupils residing in each school district of the state who are resident pupils at the Kentucky School for the Blind in Louisville, Kentucky or the Kentucky School for the Deaf in Danville, Kentucky; and

(b) Miles the county seat of the district in which the pupil resides is from Louisville or Danville.

(2) He shall then determine the aggregate number of pupil miles which would result in each child enrolled in either the School for the Blind at Louisville, or the School for the Deaf in Danville, making weekly trips home each year.

(3) The aggregate number of pupil miles determined will be divided into the total appropriation made for this program in order to establish a tentative value per pupil mile.

Section 2. On or before October 15 of each year, the chief state school officer shall provide each school district with a "tentative allotment report" which contains the number of resident children in each program in each school district and the tentative allotment to that school district for the weekly transportation of resident children.

Section 3. (1) On or before May 31 of each year each school district shall certify to the chief state school officer the number of:

(a) Children; and

(b) Trips each child was provided home, not to exceed one (1) round trip each week the child was enrolled in either of the schools.

(2) Distances used to generate pupil miles shall not exceed the distance provided in the tentative allocation which is the distance from the cities of Louisville or Danville to the county seat of the district in which the pupil is a resident.

Section 4. (1) On or before May 31 of each year, the superintendent of a local school district qualifying for reimbursement for transportation by reason of this administrative regulation shall certify to the chief state school officer the aggregate pupil miles for resident pupils for which reimbursement is sought.

(2) Based upon the certification of the local school district, the chief state school officer shall, on or before June 30 of each year, determine the final value of the pupil mile.

(3) The final value of the pupil mile shall be determined by dividing the aggregate pupil miles certified into the appropriation contained in the executive budget.

(4) The chief state school officer shall calculate a final allotment for each school district having children enrolled in the Kentucky School for the Blind and the Kentucky School for the Deaf as resident pupils.

Section 5. (1) The chief state school officer shall determine the number of pupils enrolled in each school district as day school pupils that are provided daily transportation to the Kentucky School for the Blind in Louisville and the Kentucky School for the Deaf in Danville.

(2) He shall determine the number of miles by the most direct route from the child's residence to the school that they attend in either Danville or Louisville.

(3) He shall then determine the aggregate number of pupil miles from each pupil's home to school and back home again, making a maximum of 175 trips per year.

Section 6. (1) On or before May 31 of each year, the superintendent of a local school district qualifying for reimbursement for transportation by reason of Section 5 of this administrative regulation shall certify to the chief state school officer the aggregate pupil miles for which reimbursement is sought.

(2) The chief state school officer, based upon the certification of the local school district, shall calculate a final allotment for reimbursement purposes for each school district having children enrolled as day school pupils in the Kentucky School for the Blind and the Kentucky School for the Deaf.

(3) The reimbursement rate to be paid from the Transportation Fund of the Fund to Support Education Excellence in Kentucky shall be the same rate per pupil mile as calculated in Section 4 of this administrative regulation for resident pupils. (3 Ky.R. 463; eff. 1-5-1977; 9 Ky.R. 733; eff. 1-6-1983; 17 Ky.R. 441; eff. 10-14-1990; 19 Ky.R. 513; 904; eff. 10-1-1992; Crt eff. 11-16-2018.)